

A.—SRI VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) (i) The motor of the I P set at Karambal village was burnt out on 22nd February 1968 and the Pumpset could not therefore function for about two weeks.

(ii) The motor hired to Khanapur Lift Irrigation Society was withdrawn from Khanapur and put into operation at Karambal village from 25th February 1968 to 29th February 1968. From 29th February 1968 it was shifted back to Khanapur at the request of the Khanapur Lift Irrigation Society. It functioned there up to 10th March 1968 and was shifted to Karambal from 11th March 1968.

(b) No, because of the rotation of the motor between the two places during the above period.

(c) Does not arise in view of replies to clauses (a) and (b) above.

Sri N. B. SIRDESAI.—May I know the exact date on which the burnt electric motor and the I. P. sets at Karambal Village started functioning again ?

† Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—That information is not here.

Sri N. B. SIRDESAI.—May I know whether the Government is of the opinion that cutting of water supply for days together and allowing the crops to wither away, does not amount to negligence on the part of the MSEB staff and losses to the agriculturists ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—No. On the other hand, the Electricity Board staff have tried their best to avoid that situation. This Karambal Lift Irrigation Society had no I. P. sets from 22nd February 1968 to 28th February 1968; and again from 4th March 1968 to 10th March 1968. They tried to shift the Khanapur Lift Irrigation Society's motor to save the crops at Karambal.

Re-opening of the Government Boat Building Yard at Karwar

51. Sri M. M. JALISATGI (Bhatkal).—

Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—

Will the Minister for Labour, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Sericulture be pleased to state :—

(a) the steps taken to restart the Government Boat Building Yard attached to Indo-Norwegian Project, Karwar, which has been closed from 15th March 1968 following the arrest of the Forty workers who had gheraoed and assaulted the Supervisor of Fisheries ;

(b) when it will start functioning again ?

A.—Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Minister for Labour, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Sericulture).—

(a) On receipt of information, the Director of Fisheries visited Karwar, on 21st March 1968 and held discussions with the Deputy Commissioner, Karwar, Superintendent of Police, Karwar, Departmental Officers and the representatives of the workers. The workers individually tendered an apology to the Supervisor of Fisheries (Mechanisation) for the incidents that took place on 15th March 1968 and also gave an assurance that they will work smoothly and obey orders in future. In view of this, the Orders suspending these workers, were revoked and the Boat Building Yard resumed work with effect from 22nd March 1968.

(b) Already started functioning with effect from 22nd March 1968.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—What was the reason for the *ghero*?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—The workers caught hold of the Supervisor for reasons known to them.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—When the Supervisor was gheroad, was he not injured and admitted to the Hospital?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I have not received any report with regard to his admission to the Hospital. The Report is to the effect that he was gheroad and that he was also given one or two blows by the workers. He made a report to the Police and the Police subsequently took action.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Is that Supervisor of Fisheries transferred from that place?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Yes, He has taken leave.

Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES.—The hon. Minister for Education is not here to put question No. 126.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It can be postponed to the next Session.

You have devoted more time to the questions. We have been specifically meeting here today on the understanding that these two Privilege Motions should be taken up today. But I do not find them being mentioned in your List of Business. We will have to go on until 5 P.M.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will take them up.

Sri AZIZ SAIT.—I may be given a chance to give my personal explanation immediately after the Question Hour.

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—What happened to Questions 125 and 127?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The last two questions are postponed. Now calling attention notice.